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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is requested. After entry of this amendment, claims 33-36 and 38 are pending in the application. Claims 40-43 are canceled herein. Claims 1-32, 37 and 39 were previously canceled.

In the non-final office action dated April 26, 2005, the examiner rejects claims 40-43 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 24-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,721,724. The examiner allows claims 33-36 and 38.

Claim Amendments

Applicant has canceled claims 40-43. Applicant requests entry of the above amendment solely to expedite prosecution of the application.

Applicant respectfully traverses the examiner's obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 40-43, and will continue prosecution of these claims in a continuing application. Applicant asserts that the above amendments place the application in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests notification of same.

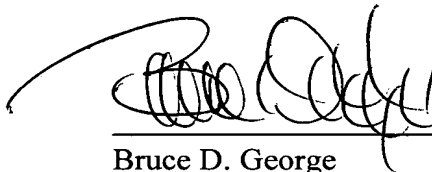
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CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant submits that pending claims 33-36 and 38 are allowable, that the application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that the examiner issue an early notice of allowance. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney in the event that a telephone interview will advance prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce D. George", is written over a horizontal line.

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